



**Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association  
MEDIA RELEASE TOWARD ADF PAY CUT**

The Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans' Association (APPVA) is a primary Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) representing the interests of ADF and AFP Veterans who have served on a range of overseas Operations since 1947 and Post 1975 Peacetime service.

The APPVA supports Senator Jacqui Lambie's philosophy of the inappropriate cuts by the Abbott Government toward ADF Conditions of Service and Salary. Whilst Australia again sends men and women into danger in the Middle East while also continuing operations in Afghanistan, the Australian Government has taken away a number of benefits for those who continue to serve and protect Australia from its enemies.

On 28 October 2014, in the Senate, Senator Lambie passionately placed the matter of the significance of the courage, service and sacrifice of our ADF members cannot be cheapened by cuts to pay and conditions of service by this Government. They deserve far better for their time spent away from loved ones both at home and abroad.

Further, the freezing of indexation for veteran's pensions, the failure to resolve a range of outstanding veteran issues and other entitlement matters has left veterans disillusioned by such brutal and uncaring consideration by this Government to those who have sacrificed their health, wellbeing and quality of life, which also deeply affects their families.

Veterans will undoubtedly see Abbott Government politicians capitalising on the courage, service and sacrifice of all Australians who have died in conflict, peacekeeping and other operations, particularly on Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. There will be hypocrisy by these politicians as to how the men and women who serve Australia are revered, respected and cared for.

The APPVA asks for all Federal Liberal politicians to stay away from Remembrance Day commemorations around the country as they don't deserve to be included as they continue to vote to erode the entitlements of serving and ex serving members.

This Government came to power supporting both the military and ex-service communities. Their responses and policies have now indicated otherwise, while blaming a budget deficit and it is time for action.

The APPVA encourages all Australians to lend their support to restore the salary cuts and reduction of Conditions of service to our deserving ADF members, by signing the online petition: <http://www.change.org/p/don-t-send-our-defence-forces-to-war-on-a-pay-cut-show-our-adf-the-respect-it-deserves>

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